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1.0 Introduction

The aim of the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) is to minimise environmental impact from the construction phase of the development. This document addresses the following planning condition of the Permission and details each point below.

Planning Decision Notice Number: 2025/62/90443/E. states:

Condition 18. No works shall take place until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following:

a) Summary of potentially damaging activities
b) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones"
c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (these may be provided as a set of method statements)
d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.
e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.
g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.
i) CEMP will also need to cover: Invasive Species Management Plan for the cotoneaster plant

2.0 Details in Response to Condition 18

2.1 Summary of potentially damaging activities

The construction phase of the project needs to be carefully controlled so as not to have significant impacts on the environment and the local community. Both the client and the construction contractor have key responsibilities in ensuring that these environmental impacts are controlled adequately.

In summary, the key potentially damaging activities that need to be managed are:

- Operational control of the site, site safety and site security
- Site clearance/removal of vegetation to take into account Nesting bird season if feasible and hedgehog presence during the clearance works
- Managing and minimising noise and vibrations
- Invasive Species Management Plan for the cotoneaster plant

2.2 Identification of "biodiversity protection zones"

The site area lies sufficient distance from any non-statutory sites that the proposed development will have no impact on them.

Based on the Ecological Appraisal there are no linear habitat or watercourse habitat features on the site. It is not envisaged that biodiversity protection zones will be encountered.

For detailed Ecological appraisal see document appraisal report from Whitcher Wildlife; Document reference:4a Bridge Street, Batley Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Rev 1.

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2.3 Practical measures to avoid or reduce impacts during construction

Site works will be checked against the CEMP requirements. Any mitigation measures that have been agreed with the Statutory Authorities, or are part of planning conditions, will be put into place prior to the undertaking of the works for which they are required, and all relevant staff will be briefed accordingly.

Method statements that are prepared for the works will be reviewed / approved by the Client Project Manager and where necessary the relevant Environmental Specialist.

Specific procedures to manage the key environment aspects of the project will be developed by the Contractor prior to work commencing which will include the following:

2.3.1 Parking provision for site operatives and visitor vehicles
Parking provisions for site operatives and visitors to be within the site boundary.

2.3.2 The location(s) for the loading and unloading of plant and materials
All plant and materials will be temporarily unloaded at the kerbside of the property and then immediately moved into the site in locations ready for incorporation into the building works. Deliveries will be programmed to arrive during daytime hours only. Care will be taken when unloading vehicles to minimise disturbance to local residents.

2.3.3 Measures to manage and minimise noise emissions (and vibration)
Excessive noise and vibration not only represent a major hazard to site workers but can annoy neighbours and disturb wildlife.

It is not envisaged that issues associated with noise and vibration will be encountered but industry recognised controls will be put in place should any issues arise.

Working hours should be undertaken within the working hours and delivery restrictions specified as:
Monday to Friday 08:00 - 18:00 - (9:30 - 14:30 only for deliveries)
Saturday 08:00 - 13:00 - (8:00 - 12:00 only for deliveries)
No works permitted on Sunday or Bank Holidays without express permission.

2.4 The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.

To mitigate the impact of site clearance work being carried out on the site harming the environment the plan will focus on:

- Site clearance works/removal of vegetation to be undertaken outside of Nesting bird season, which extends from March to August inclusive each year. If not feasible, the clearance works to be preceded by a nesting bird survey and if any active nests are found, they should be left undisturbed until the young have fledged.

- Vegetation clearance works are initially carried out to 200mm and ground checked for the presence of any hedgehogs before the works proceed. If any hedgehogs are found, they will be left to escape by their own means before the works proceed. Access for hedgehogs will be maintained across the site in the form of gaps under the boundary fences 13cm x 13cm in size.

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2.5 The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.

The site area lies sufficient distance from any non-statutory sites that the proposed development will have no requirement for specialist ecologists to be present on site.

A team of Environmental specialists will be available on an "as and when required" basis to support the project team if required.

2.6 Responsible persons and lines of communication.

The CEMP will clearly define the role and responsibilities of the project team.

Figure 2.1 details the management chain with descriptions of each team member being provided in the following sections.

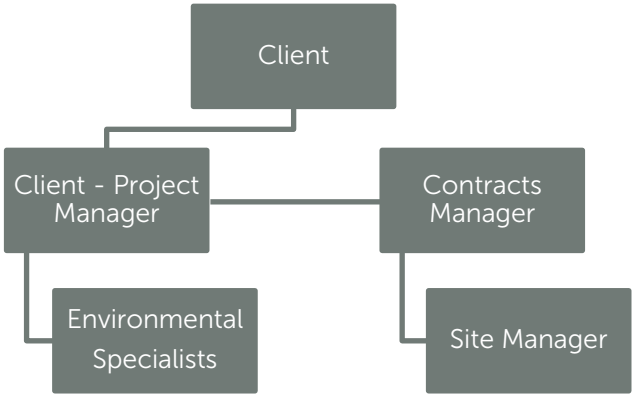


Figure 2.1 Responsible persons

Client Project Manager

The Client Project Manager would have overall responsibility for monitoring the performance of the project against statutory requirements and the agreed objectives and targets. The duties associated with this role include:

- Review and approve the Contractor's CMP together with any specialist procedures and identify the need for any improvements
- Identify the competence of all contractors to be employed for the works
- Review construction method statements with regard to environmental aspects and advise of suggested improvements prior to works commencing
- Provide main contact between contractor and Client's project team on environmental & construction issues

Contracts Manager

The Contracts Manager will have responsibility for co-ordinating and managing all the environmental activities during the construction works. The duties associated with this role include:

- Develop and review the CMP, construction method statements, work instructions and other specialist procedures
- Identify competence requirements for all staff and ensure delivery of training to the project team
- Review and improve method statements for environmental aspects prior to works starting
- Monitor construction activities to ensure that appropriate control measures are effective and ensure compliance with the CMP
- Act as main point of contact between the regulatory authorities and the project on all issues

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- Provision of advice and liaison with subcontractors to ensure that risks are identified, and appropriate controls developed which are identified within method statements
- Assist with the development and undertaking of training for site staff
- Liaison with the Client Project Manager

Site Manager

The Site Manager will be responsible for the following:

- Assist the contract manager in developing and maintaining the CMP together with other documentation
- Monitor construction works to ensure any necessary control measures are in place and meet the requirements of the CMP
- Carry out weekly site inspections and complete inspection report identifying any actions required
- Maintain training register and provide training where necessary
- Assist in responding to complaints
- In the event of an environmental incident ensure correct procedures are adhered to
- Provide information on waste management/reduction procedures to relevant staff
- Implementation and operation of environmental controls on site
- Respond to any environmental incidents such as spills

2.7 The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.

Based on the Ecological Appraisal there is no requirement for an on-site ecological clerk of works (ECoW).

A team of Environmental specialists will be available on an "as and when required" basis to support the project team. Their role would include the undertaking of any necessary watching briefs.

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2.8 Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.

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Method statements that are prepared for the works will be reviewed / approved by the Client Project Manager and where necessary the relevant Environmental Specialist.

Specific procedures to manage the safety aspects of the project will be developed by the Contractor prior to work commencing which will include the following.

- Herras fencing will be erected around the Site Boundary
- There is already and existing security fence and locked gate at the entry point into the site
- Construction site keep out warning signs will be displayed around the perimeter site fencing

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2.9 CEMP will also need to cover: Invasive Species Management Plan for the cotoneaster plant

As per Recommendation in Whitcher Wildlife's Preliminary Ecological Appraisals ref 250520/1 dated 21st May 2025 the proposed works should take precautions both during site clearance and construction works to ensure full removal of the cotoneaster plant from the site.

The management plan to remove and control any regrowth includes the following actions:

- Excavation of the plant and roots during either the spring or early summer months (April to July) at a time when in flower but without berries present.
  (Fence off contaminated areas to prevent spread of the plant during the removal works)
- The plant itself and any soils within 2m below the plant will be placed and sealed in a bag
- Plant waste removed will be either burnt or disposed of as controlled waste
- Chemical control, focusing on preventing seed spread and managing seed banks particularly for inaccessible spots to be used to treat the areas where the plant has been removed
- Monitoring – continue to monitor on an ongoing basis (for at least 2 years) to ensure no signs of regrowth or new seedlings are observed

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